

November 10, 2004

**Operation Royal Flush
Federal Indictments and Complaints**

On November 3, in U.S. District Court, Providence, a federal grand jury returned seven indictments charging the following nine individuals:

Joel Francisco, 62-64 Dexter Street, DOB 1/29/73 – charged in four indictments with possessing with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine (potential sentences are below - 1), possessing with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine (2), and three counts of conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine (3).

Joel Trinidad, 93 Lexington Avenue, DOB 5/17/82 – conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine (3) and possessing with intent to distribute crack cocaine (4).

Reynaldo Rodriguez, 75 Village Road, Woonsocket, DOB 1/06/78 – conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine (3).

Miguel Jusino, 47 Wesleyan Avenue, 7/06/84 – conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine and possessing with intent to distribute crack cocaine (3).

William Cifredo, 72 Aurault Street, 6/17/74 – charged in two indictments with conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine (3) and possessing with intent to distribute cocaine (4).

Elliot Rivera Cruz, 752 Atwells Avenue, 10/4/71 – charged with conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine (3).

Anthony Goris, 86 Florence Street, 3/08/78 – charged with conspiracy to distribute marijuana (5), allegedly 42 pounds; possessing with intent to distribute cocaine (4); and possessing a firearm in connection with a drug-trafficking offense (6).

David Batista, 48 McClellan Street, 11/23/76 – charged with conspiracy to distribute marijuana (5) allegedly 30 pounds; and being a felon in possession of a firearm (7)

Xiomara Mercedes (female), 35 Cross Street, Lawrence, MA, 2/5/74 – charged with conspiracy to distribute marijuana (5), allegedly 19 pounds.

(addresses are in Providence unless otherwise indicated)
(the offenses allegedly occurred between July and September 2004)

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An indictment is merely an allegation and a defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty. The statutory prescribed minimum and maximum penalties for the offenses charged in the indictments are:

- (1) possessing with intent to distribute more than 50 grams of crack cocaine – 10 years to life imprisonment and a \$4 million fine;
- (2) possessing with intent to distribute more than 500 grams of cocaine – five to 40 years imprisonment and a \$2 million fine;
- (3) conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine or possessing with intent to distribute crack cocaine – five to 40 years imprisonment and a \$2 million fine;
- (4) possessing with intent to distribute cocaine – 20 years imprisonment and a \$1 million fine;
- (5) conspiracy to distribute marijuana – five years imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine;
- (6) possessing a firearm in connection with a drug-trafficking offense – mandatory five years imprisonment, consecutive to any other sentence imposed;
- (7) being a felon in possession of a firearm – ten years in federal prison and a \$250,000 fine.

Federal sentencing is determined on the basis of guidelines that rely on such factors as the specific nature of an offense and a defendant's criminal background, if any.

The following individuals have been arrested on federal complaints. The government has 30 days in which to bring an indictment against these defendants.

Francisco Torres, 77 Newark Street, DOB 4/10/67 – conspiracy to distribute cocaine.

Eric Rhoden, 943 Dyer Avenue, Cranston, 1/26/71 – conspiracy to possess a controlled substance.

A complaint is merely an allegation and a defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty. Warrants have been issued for four additional defendants charged in federal complaints with drug-trafficking offenses.

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State Charges - Sixth Division District Court Complaints

Julissa Jaquez, 24 Croyland Road, Providence, D.O.B. 8/7/81 – charged with possessing with intent to deliver cocaine and soliciting another to commit a crime.

Charged with Soliciting another to Commit a Crime:

Ramaar Logan, D.O.B. 3/30/84

Desmond Pereria, D.O.B. 9/19/84

Steven DePena, D.O.B. 2/13/79

Susan Tran, D.O.B. 7/16/80

Jonathan Jaquez, D.O.B. 9/24/82

Josue Francisco, D.O.B. 2/19/81

David Francisco, D.O.B. 12/23/78

Harold Reed, D.O.B. 1/13/78

Albert Martinez, D.O.B. 7/26/79

A state warrant has been issued for the arrest of one additional defendant.

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